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The First Day of the "Drive." The first day of the "big push," as the rejoicing Londoners styled the British offensive against the Germans in France, yielded a greater gain for the allies than they have scored in the west since the German retreat after the battle of the Marne. Save at isolated points, as at Neuve Chappelle, and in the counter fighting at Verdun, the actual territorial advances have been negligible. Here and there a trench has been taken, perhans to be held, or to be lost in a few hoers, but in the main the great campaign has been a stalemate. Now, after

furious bombardment the like of which the world has never before witnessed, a charge by an army of perhaps two or three hundred thousand men has earried the British and French colors five miles ahead, over the first line of German trenches, at points well beyond the second and third lines. Instead of taking trenches the allies have taken

time appears to be a gain of about five miles at one point, with the capture of a number of important strategic positions. The evident object of the British commanders is not merely to straighten the line, which was bent to the west above the Somme and was difficult to defend, but to destroy the German position and to demoralize the Teutonic army. This may be merely a repetition of Verdun. with a heavy allied gain for a few days, followed by a stiffening of the defense and a realignment on a trench basis at a point more to the east. But Verdun was defended by a strong concentration of French forces, permitted, first, by the assumption by the British of a considerable area for defense and, second, by the arrival of large numbers of Russian

The German lines can be reinforced at this stage only by a weakening of the lines somewhere else. There are no fresh supplies of troops to be had. With the Russians pounding in vast numbers and with a greatly increased artillery : strength on the eastern front, and the Italians driving northward into the Tyrol, there is no source of assistance. No single part of the great line can safely be stripped of any part of its delest a vigorous and alert foe break through. Austria can lend no assistance to Germany now. She is in the porest straits to hold the Russians from capturing her armies entire in the east and the Italians from gaining command-Izonzo. Bulgaria can do nothing, for begins. Turkey is fully occupied in time when bitter factionism demanded Mesopotamia and Armenia, holding the a unifier. Russians and British from pdvancing

upon Bagdad and eventually upon Constantineple.
Yet it is imperative that the allied drive north of the Somme be checked if form, and the suggestion that he may not Germany is to hold her ground in if elected feel himself any more bound France. A breach of the line that reaches winto the field of communications will necessitate a general retirement. The German danger at the Somme is more grave than the French danger at Verdun, for France stood to gain, in a military sense, from a yielding of the great salient around the historic citadel. ... while Germany cannot now lose many miles of ground in her right center without inviting disaster.

Of course, the Mexican version of any transactions with this country will be handled in a way to make the peons believe that the de facto government has forced Uncle Sam into the vicinity of the north pole.

Some of the equipment looks as if pubtic sentiment ought to be further aroused Fourth of July is only an incident. by preparedness parades.

Not Senator Roosevelt

This is from a New York news story: "In the last week the suggestion that Reosevelt, who says he is out of politics, run for the United States Segate has spread throughout the state. The suggestion has evoked some approval. There a considerable Roosevelt following in the republican party of the state, and these men say he could win the Senate republican ballot, just to have the ferce, bitter joy of knifing him. One report is that William M. Calder, ex-representative, a candidate for the Wadsworth won nomination and elec-

fail. The Star mentioned one of them erally understood, so that from a sinthe other day. Mr. Roosevelt would be, gle case not properly protected scores of the other day. Mr. Roosevelt would be, gle case not properly protected scores of To sing a cheery song and feel, out of place in the Senate. The others may develop. A tag hung upon the And prove that in this world so wide arena would not suit either his talents child or upon the perambulator in which or his temperament. Senatorial pro- it is carried giving notice of whooping cesses are too slow, and measured, and cough will keep others at a safe disorderly for him. As a member he would tance.

sufficient for him.

senator would be to tether him. He may go a wide radius of infection. would have to remain home and look | Certain diseases are rated by medical

missioner, police commissioner, assist-New York, Vice President and President, prevail. he gave proof of what was best in him

While he lives Mr. Roosevelt will continue to be a busy man. There is not a lazy bone in his body. And in the near future, if the republicans with bull ties for such a man will be numerous He would fit into any one of several important places, and do good work for the dominant party and the country But the humdrum of law-making and the nice distinctions of debate would bore him, and might exhaust his patience. Not the Senate for any man of

hair-trigger organization. One must take aim and wait for the word in that body.

Wilson and Hughes.

With Mr. Roosevelt definitely out of the calculation, the race is between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hughes.

Four years ago Mr. Wilson-to employ the homely lingo of everyday politicswas a pig in a poke. His service in the governorship of New Jersey, while credmeasure to the country. He was nominated for President largely on the assurance of his supporters, and on a plat-

This year Mr. Wilson must stand trial ed to do will be an important task. on his party's record in Congress. He o give the country during his second given it during his first.

Who knows anything about him except New York, and served six years as an successful discharge of its duties. associate justice of the Supreme Court? Who may say what qualities he would show as President? Why take a new and untried man at such a critical time in the country's history?

As a matter of fact, however, that homely old characterization does not fit Mr. Hughes. He is anything but a pig in a noke. He is neither new nor untried in public affairs. His advancement in life has been due to success achieved in every place he has filled. Governor of New York; as a successful governor learned in the law he was transferred to the Supreme bench; and ing positions in the Tyrol and the as a judge who when in politics had shown unusual capacity for political the hardest jobs of peace-making he ever work he was called by his party the allies if a drive north from Saloniki mously back to the political field at a

> Both Mr Wilson and Mr. Hughes must be taken on trust as respects this year's platforms. Mr. Wilson, however, must face his disregard of the Baltimore platby the St. Louis platform. In office he has been his own platform. The platform on which Mr. Hughes is standing is a strong structure; and if he is elected and continues to stand on it he should give the country a very success ful administration of its affairs.

> Some of the regiments may have a chance to complain that they did not get even the excitement of a railroad accident such as threatened damage to New York's 71st

> It has been a bad year for the summer resorts. But anybody who remembers last September can assure them that there is hope.

American patriotism now has so much demand for its expression that the

Bryan continues to be called "colonel" as if it were a family name instead of

a military title. Mexican soldiers have not much equipment; but they are used to that state

of affairs. Whooping Cough Warning.

A physician of this city has suggested the general adoption of a plan now beadmination in the primary. There is the general adoption of a plan now be-probably a more considerable number ing followed in the southwestern secshe would rejoice to have Roosevelt on tion of Washington whereby children afflicted with whooping cough are tagged for the protection and warning of others. This disease is unusually prevalent at sination in 1914, when James W. present and makes rapid strides at this time when the little folks are kept out colonel that he will withdraw from the of doors. The disease principle can be ful that a republic is inclined as a rule carried by the coughing of a child a to forget what's past and gone." For two reasons the suggestion should long distance, much farther than is gen-

want cloture established, and want to be | There is no disgrace in thus tagging put in sole charge of the rule. A very a child who is so unfortunate as to brief debate on any subject would be suffer from this distressing disease. On the contrary, to do so evidences a spirit The other reason is that as Mr. Roose of kindly consideration which is to be Then Rufus Rufus Rufus kaid, said he, welt is now pledged to the support of highly commended. The tagged child Mr. Hughes he ought to be, and will be will be viewed with much more respect Like common selfishness."

THE EVENING STAR, if left unhampered, a national quantity than the one that is a victim of the disin the contest. To nominate him for ease and is not tagged and from which

> would have to remain home and look out for his own campaign. Neither the middle states, the near west, nor the northwest, where he has many friends, could hope for a visit from him.
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> Mr. Roosevelt, being comparatively a young man and still in polities, will probably serve in office again. But why not in some office associable with his tastes and experience? His start in polities was as a legislator, but his apprenticeship was short. A term or two in the New York legislature satisfied him in that direction. His service since then has been as an executive, and he has acquired what may be called the executive habit. As civil service commissioner, solite. As civil service commissioner, assistscarlet fever signs posted on the fronts ant secretary of the navy, Governor of of the houses in which those diseases

More Men Needed.

Although the immediate tension o the Mexican situation is relieved, it does not follow that the United States does not need the services immediately or prospectively of the National Guard on or near the Mexican border. With the release of the prisoners held at Chihuahua the possibility of precipitate hostilities has been greatly relaxed. Nevertheless, it is important that re cruiting should continue at every station where the flag is displayed as a sign that the country needs men for military duty.

The recruiting in the District thus fahas been most satisfactory in quantity and quality, although a large percentage of those who have offered their services have been found physically deficient Still, there are vacancies in the ranks More men are needed. They may be go ing to the dull routine of a camp on or near the border, doing police duty withtable, had not revealed him in true out any of the stimulating excitement of a campaign. They may be merely going to concentration camps for purposes of training and hardening, possibly there to remain for weeks or even months. Nevertheless, whatever they are assign-

on his record in the White House, and The quality that yields faithful, un questioning service, wherever it may be is a known quantity. The poke has been performed, in whatever terms or deopened, and he has emerged, and his gree, is the true quality of the soldier his record and that of his party will for that quality. It needs men who will stand indorsed, and he be encouraged to sacrifice their comfort and the cer pattern his future course by the past; tainty of civilian life and take up the role of sentry or guard regardless of term a taste of the same quality he has what the future may hold. It needs these men, even though they may never A democratic criticism of Mr. Hughes leave the camp at Fort Myer. Every characterizes him as a pig in a poke. man who enlists becomes an important military asset and a part of the safethat he was twice elected Governor of guard of the nation for peace or for a

> for the stateman who fears war only because of the pecuniary expenditure in volved, and the damage to his reputation at home as an economist.

the proper attitude toward the demands but he has made a step in the right direction in ordering the return of the

No medals or prizes will be awarded Roosevelt for reconciling the bull moose and the elephant, although it was one of

Hereafter Trevino should remain retient when he has not an opportunity to be in communication with headquarters as to what he is expected to do and say.

up and talking as one who puts confidence in the wisdom of the plain people when the final analysis arrives.

Knowing when to release prisoners may be more important than knowing

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

True to a Principle. "I never borrow an umbrella." "It's a good rule."

"I make it an absolute rule to buy my umbrellas. By the way, would you mind lending me the price of one?"

Joyous Tidings. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I have good news."

"What is it?" "The bank sent me word that my ac count is overdrawn. I looked in the synonym book and found that 'overdrawn' is the same as 'exaggerated.'"

"After a man learns by experience." said Uncle Eben, "he generally wishes he'd got his knowledge by takin' somebody's word for it."

Out of Date.

Make hay while the sun shines? "Tis useless, I vow. The old farm is hauling With motor cars now.

Not Complaining.

"Republics are ungrateful." "I don't complain," replied Senator Sorghum, "Sometimes I'm rather thank

A Discordant Note. There was an optimist who tried There's nothing really wrong.

"You see," said he, "the skies are blue
And birds are on the wing.

If you'll adopt my point of view,
Like me, you'll gayly sing.

"Forget the sorrow and the rage That elsewhere may be found. Read only from the pleasant page That in life's book is bound." "Your method, I confess,

uting to fire protection of the forests, the forest service of the hopeful that capital may be

making some of the many possible oducts from this long overlooked raw aterial

In order that information as to what

Pensioning wish to enact legislation and to teachers, the Unit-

Teachers. ed States bureau of edu-

cation has recently completed a study

have grown old or become disabled in

funds, the teachers in the other states

having pension laws either contribut-

American

different states which may

pines has afforded American scientists an excellent opportunity for study. The ers of the public health service and

Inducing his citizens to turn waste materials into valuable products is a hobby with Uncle By-Products of Sam for he sees that in time billions of dollars in the agreement specialists in this country.

Forestry. Sam for he sees that in the billions of dollars in the agreement specialists in the agreement specialists in the same experts are awaiting with interest the separation of the forest service, for the lumber industry has been notoriously prodigal in its waste. In addition to the many successful steps that have been taken by the service to encourage the utilization of waste woods after the logs reach the mills, the forest service has revived has recently gone closer to the beginning of the industry with its conservation work and has been rearrying on experiments which the distillation of oils from the needes of planes and other coniferous trees, which hittherto have been taken by the service to encarrying on experiments when the trees are trimmed after felling.

The forestry specialism to turn waste in this country with the whole extent of the wood state of the solution to be afterian in this country with the serving has removed the prosphates was an important factor in the situation. These mortant fact

rom the Jacksonville Times-Union.

- IN THE STAR

The American people were greatly in erested at this time fifty years ago in the news from

Europe indicating The Impending the approach of Foreign War. russia and Austria. In the Star of June 27, 1866, is the following:

"The arrival of the next steamer

rom Europe is looked for with con from the tenor of the late news, that the will bring intelligence of the com withdrawal of the Austrian minister rom Berlin and the departure of the Prussian minister from Vienna not only indicate this, but it is not likely that Austria will forhear to resent at once the action of Prussia, which stein, the Austrians being virtually pushed out of that territory. Besides, Austria had given notice that the Estates of Holstein should be convened at Itzehoe, but the Prussians had forcibly prevented the meeting and arrested the commissioner, a chief officer of the estates. The old Holstein government under the Austrians was

as been done may be available to the for whatever may occur.
"In the meantime Louis Napoleon, with his usual caution, says little, but stands ready to avail himself of any stands ready to avail himself of any opportunity to strengthen his position and aggrandize France by the annexation of the Rhine provinces or any other slice of territory which may fall to his share in the general scramble. In his letter recently read to the corps legislatif in reference to the proposed conference, which failed, he says that he would have been opposed to any territorial aggrandizement by France as long as the peace was maintained and European equilibrium was undisturbed." of measures taken in various parts of

> After the civil war a movement was started to reorganize the civil service and establish a mer-Move Toward it system in place of Merit System. appointments on the the old method of poils basis, though it was some years later before an enactment to this effect was obtained from Congress. In The Star of June 28, 1866, says:

state or providing the fund wholly themselves. The latter plan is neces-sary only in Utah, Michigan and Louisi-"On motion of Mr. Brown of Missour he Senate committee on judiciary has been instructed to inquire into the exwholly state-supported plan-has taken by states in practically

curred in the promotion of certain public the District. etween the great reduction in the federal Treasury was being constantly

try of the United States as a result of Phosphates. the European war, as "It will be remembered that Mayor logical survey, and the reported crop

one of the few men who has definite ideas as to the nature of the vital food elements. He helieves that a number of different substances, pake up the vitamine group and that they are somewhat related to proteins though much simpler in form. One of the most interesting phases of Mr. Williams' work is the fact that he has been able to evolve synthetically substances which have the same physiological effect as the vitamine-carrying substances which have the same physiological effect as the vitamine-carrying substances concentrated from foods. None of these "synthetic vitamines" are wholly stable, though some of them are more nearly so than others.

It is believed, however, that the experiments will ultimately lead to discoveries that will make possible the manufacture of stable specifics for all the nutritional disease. Physicians believe that if a specific remedy for beriment way he made in this way it will not be difficult to produce a specific for peliagra, also a nutritional disease.

The situation is made the more interest to some of the government to the city of Washington, made an exhibit showing the sums of money, amounting in the aggregate to \$37,=0.61, advanced by the city to the general government at various times for improvements upon government property, and which sums have not been refunded to the city. The mayor called attention to the fact that Congress, admitting the propriety of at least spending in the improvement of the city what was realized from the sale of the lots given by the original proprietors of the soil to the government at various times for improvements upon government to the city. The mayor called attention to the fact that Congress, admitting the propriety of at least spending in the improvement of the city what was realized from the sale of the lots given by the city to the government at various times for improvements upon government to the fact that the united by the city to the government of the true of the true of the propertion of the city. The mayor called attention to the fa dispursements in the city of washington shall reimburse to the corporation
a just proportion of any expense which
may hereafter be incurred in laying
open paving or otherwise improving
any of the streets or avenues in front
of or adjoining to or which may pass
through or between any of the public
squares or reservations, which proportion shall be determined by the comparison of the length of the fronts of
said squares or reservations of the
United States on any such street or
avenue with the whole extent of the
two sides thereof.

"At this time, May 15, 1820, there remained of the lots given by the original proprietors, 725, all of which have
been sold at greatly enhanced prices

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

fort o' smilin' as he fingers with the plumage o his lid. An' observes where one Carranza has allowed he'll go to war.

An' he says, does Mr. Weyler, as he whis his cigarette, "I could tell this here Carranza just ezzackly what he'll get.

He can take it from Doc Weyler that he long will rue the day "From the Chicago Heraid.

In the political field for the nonce little is heard save the rapid footfalls"

ippines,
a chap named Aguinaldo stokin' up on Span-ish beans,
ie murmurs sympathetic, while he runs the papers through,
here dgittin' bug is spreadin'; it has hit Well. To get scrappin' with the feller that will do the work down there.

I could prove to Friend Carranza that he'd better not get gay

With one General Frederick Funston of the U. S. A.

—Pittaburga Post.

Get us, colonel

From the Philadelphia Press.

John M. Parker, who was nominated as the bandidate for Vice President by remnant doesn't shake itself alive and the progressive party, has held out for enlist.

ITALY'S INTERVENTION IN THE

June 24 announced that Lieut. Gen. Count Cadorna had issued an order to the Italian Italian army complimenting it upon sucesses obtained in the Trentino, Dispatches dated June 27 report that the Italians have driven back the Austrians and captured Posina, Arsiera, Monte

Menere, Asiago.

There are many things which appear intervention in the war, and the blow inflicted just now upon Austria lend the governments interested, but scarcely at all by their diplomatic agents. the triple alliance in 1881 between liance was renewed in 1887, 1891, 1902 and 1912, but each time with modificapart of the alliance is obscure. Briefly Bismarck, Crispi and the British for-

factors.

Italy, it will be recalled, under Crispi was in the tow of Bismarch and was led to believe that France would attack her. England was in Egypt in violation of the treaties, so that in 1832 England was maintained in Egypt, against the French, by the tacit co-operation of Italy and Germany. There was besides an anti-French current created in Italy because of the too socialistic tendencies of the French governments of those days. But since the day when King Humbert was made Austrian colonel at Vienna and subsequently it was announced that the Emperor Francis Joseph had abandoned France and England and then the con-ference at Algeciras, where Italy squarely sided with France against Germany. In 1908 Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Italy subsequently made war against Tur

Austrian hate induced German wholly to misunderstand Italy's situation, which until now may Austria's be said to have been aimless-shiftless. Prince Bulow said at this time to a friend, who gave it away, "Italy is pleasure to waltz." Italy remembered the doubtful compliment, for July 31

1914, she declared for neutrality. Germany, it is declared, was ver much angered at the declaration, which was wholly unexpected. The kaise and the Reichspost (although few persons believed it possible) as having sent King Victor of Italy the following

Hamburger Nachrichten, Vossische Zeitung and Berliner Tageblatt were abusive. Count Reventlow, in the Deutsche Tageszeitung, said at the end of a long invective: "When will Italy, in the name of the 'kultur' and of 'liberty,' draw her sword against the German empire?"

Was this an insinuation as to Crispi's attachment to "kultur" under Bisattachment to "kultur" under Bisattachment to "kultur" under Bisattachment to "kultur" and the supposed to Italy in April, 1915, the creation of two Slav states on the Adriatic. Serbis should be contained to Monte-matian coast from Narenta to Monte-matian coast from Nar

sums. A great part of the capital em-ployed in the development of the north of Italy is German. The system of banks is largely German. England and France have little money in indusbanks is largely German. England and France have little money in industries in Italy. It was said that in 1915 Germany had invested in Italy 3,000,000,000 francs of German money to the benefit of the borrower and the lender. Without that affluence of German capital the material progress realized by Italy in the course of the last fifteen years had not been so sensible.

In Lombardy German influence has een created by the banks. Neverthe-Sentiment in ists there have shown the greatest activity. Lombardy. The head of the move

ment is Senator Albertini of the family that directs the Corriere della strain in the directs the Corriere della strain in the strain of the family that directs the Corriere della strain in the strain of the stra

might be disadvantageous to either of the signatories. If it should result that the status quo in the Balkans, on the coasts and islands of the Adriatic, Austro-Hungary or Italy might be forced to a temporary or permanent occupation, such occupation should be the basis of reciprocal compensations antisfactory to both parties.

Baron Sonnino recalled to Count Berchtold, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, that under the provisions of article VII Austria was pro-

ister of foreign affairs, that under the provisions of article VII Austria was prohibited from the occupation of Balkanic territory without a previous accord with Italy. Italy had the greatest interest in the integrity of Serbia. Austria had invaded Serbia and thus broken the political equilibrium in the Balkans. Italy had the right to compensation and invited Austria to discuss the terms. Count Berchtold replied that "Italy had no grounds for complaint because Austria's occupation of Serb territory was neither permanent nor temporary, but only momentary."

against the bombardment of the Dar-danelles by Italy, and had prohibited the employment of electric projections

part of Venetia except during the period of 1797 to 1805, and from 1815 to 1866, when Venice herself was joined to Austria.

The Trentino question is simple. For Italy it is of economical importance. For Austria it is a stragetic point favor-Question. ations. Trentino, geoable for offensive opergraphically, is a continuation of the Venetian and Lombardian valleys, the outlets of which are on the Italian

Trieste is Italian by its populatio traditions, sympathies and aspirations Of its 250,000 inhabitants, 200,000 are Italians. Italy claims Trieste histor ically, because with Istria and Venetia it formed a single province under the because it was given to the Duke of Austria in the fourteenth century, and excepting the Napoleonic regime, the

in Italy would accrue to the Are these the reasons for Italy's tion?
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Traces of German money to the system of the

It was known in Vienna in August, 1914, that Italy was unprepared for war, and hence Austria's arrogance. But Italy Was

Unprepared. sure of Prince Buelow. consented to the following concessions The Italian Tyrol, the west shore of the Izonzo, the city of Gradisca, Trieste, a free city of Italian character, nent is Senator Albertini of the fam- and an Italian university, Avlona (Valona), and the spheres belonging thereily that directs the Corriere della

THE PASSING OF THE MOOSE.

a third ticket. Mr. Parker was a Louis-iana democrat, and as a third ticket now would only be helpful to President Wilson, perhaps that is what he wants. From the Columbia State.

with General Funston of the Interest of the mone as it vamooses from the

scene. From the Cincinnati Times-Star.

There are nature fakers and nature fakers, but the greatest of all nature fakers is the man who wrote the head line, "Bull Moose Sings Swan Song." From the Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

care
with the feller that will do the
Get us, colonel

From the Albuquerque Morning Journal.
Running for Vice President on the buil moose ticket is one of the things that might be classed as a light ocupation.

The trouble about T. R. and his run-

From the Dallas News.

From the Baltimore Star.

From the Savannah News.

erent directions.

Even enemies will hope the will rest in peace.

lieve that if a specific remedy for beriberi may be made in this way it will not be difficult to produce a specific for peliagra. also a nutritional disease. The work of the government scientists along these lines has progressed so far at any rate that they are hopeful that before long they may be able to minimize the effects of these diseases, the ravages of which are concentrated particularly on the poor of the world.

Inducing his citizens to turn waste materials into valuable products is a specific of the series of the official German explanation that this was due to unfavorable weather conditions, some government specialists in this country are inclined to believe that the lack materials into valuable products is a specific or specific products in the series of the serie

COLONEL AND CANDIDATE.

when the colonel and the judge sit down to that delectable little luncheon for two the former will not insist on making the recall of judicial decisions the main topic of conversation. It has taken the colonel a long time to discover that Charley Hughes' Americanism is of the right sort. rem the Chattanooga Times.

From the New Haven Evening Register That "spear that knows no brother" seems to have no brother willing to acknowledge relationship just now. "Hughes, Taft and T. R." triumvirate that makes even rom the Knozville Sentinel. From the Waco (Tex.) Times-Herald. Mr. Hughes is grateful to the colonel for the "quickening of the American spirit." The colonel is probably also grateful to the Gary dinner, which seems to have helped some.

Now that Hughes and Roosevelt have made up we are looking to see Villa kiss Carranza on the whiskers. From the Birmingham Age-Herald. But what does Berlin think of the colonel rolling up his sleeves to fight for Hughes?

Not that they loved Hughes more but me less is the reason Col. Roosevelt suggests for the demand of certain Ger man-American associations for the man-American associations for the nomination of the justice. It seems to

for Hughes?

From the Cleveland Plais Dealer.

T. R.'s second choice for the presiIt would be charitable to assume that dency is Hughes.

Prediction, subject to change without notice: Roosevelt will support Hughes, counting all the while on Wilson's election and himself the favored one four years hence. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger

oungalow of nips, somewhere in the Phil-